

SENATE JOURNAL.

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE—FOURTH CALLED SESSION PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Thursday, August 18, 1910.

In obedience to the proclamation of His Excellency, T. M. Campbell, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Legislature in Special Session, this, the 18th day of August, 1910, the Senate met in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol, in the city of Austin, at 8:30 o'clock a. m., and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor A. B. Davidson.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

The Chair appointed the following temporary officers:

Clyde D. Smith, Secretary.
R. M. Gilmore, Journal Clerk.
M. F. Hornbuckle, Sergeant-at-Arms.
J. R. Waties, Doorkeeper.

ROLL CALL.

The Chair directed the roll called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Greer.	Real.
Harper.	Senter.
Holsey.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hume.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Kellie.	Weinert.
Mayfield.	

Absent.

Perkins.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.
Terrell of Wise.	

VACANT.

District No. 13, on account of the death of Senator Stokes.

PROCLAMATION CONVENING THE LEGISLATURE.

The Chair directed the reading of the following proclamation by the Governor:

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

Austin, August 17, 1910.

To the Legislature:

I have the honor to transmit herewith proclamation of the Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Legislature in Special Session, to meet in the city of Austin, Texas, beginning at eight-thirty o'clock a. m., Thursday, August 18, A. D. 1910, for the purposes contained in said proclamation.

Very respectfully,
T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

I, T. M. Campbell, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Constitution, do hereby call a Special Session of the Thirty-first Legislature to convene in the city of Austin, Texas, beginning at 8:30 o'clock a. m. Thursday, August 18, A. D. 1910, for the following purposes and for legislation on the following subjects, to-wit:

1. Legislation amending Articles 4549 and 4950, of Chapter 11, Title 94, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and to prescribe the conditions

upon which the purchaser, or purchasers, and associates, if any, of the property and franchises of a railroad company may become owners of its charter or may organize a new corporation, and governing, regulating and limiting the stocks and bonds of such new corporation and of the old corporation after the sale of its property and franchises, and providing for the protection of holders of claims against the old corporation, including claims for death and for personal injuries sustained in the operation of the railroad by the company or by any receiver thereof, and for loss of and damages to property sustained in the operation of the railroad by such company and by any receiver thereof, and for the current expenses of such operation, including labor, supplies and repairs, and such other legislation in respect to the subject here mentioned as may be appropriate and necessary in the premises.

2. Legislation providing for a Board of Prison Commissioners, Superintendent of Prisons and other officers and employes, and for the care, management, discipline and method of employment of convicts confined in the State penitentiaries; providing for the working of convicts on State account, and the passage of such further laws relating to the State's penitentiary system as the Legislature, in its wisdom, may enact.

3. The enactment of adequate laws defining "bills of lading" and defining the word "carriers." Providing that it shall be the duty of common carriers, and their officers and agents, to issue negotiable bills of lading and straight or non-negotiable bills of lading at the request of the shipper, between certain places to be prescribed in the law, and defining negotiable or order bills of lading and non-negotiable or straight bills of lading and prescribing the necessary requirements for all bills of lading; to make all negotiable bills of lading negotiable by indorsement and delivery in the same manner as bills of exchange and promissory notes and prohibiting the placing upon negotiable bills of lading any terms which would in any manner limit their negotiability; and providing for the division of bills of lading into such different series as may be appropriate and defining each series, prescribing how bills of lading shall be issued and prohibiting the issuing of negotiable bills of lading in part or parts, except as prescribed by law; prescribing the duties of general freight agents or

persons authorized to act for them and the duties of local station agents of common carriers, and for such additional legislation on this subject as business conditions and the general welfare may demand.

4. Legislation requiring persons, firms, corporations and associations of persons engaged in compressing cotton in this State to so bind and tie all bales of cotton so that no bale of cotton by them compressed, recompressed, baled or rebaled, shall be delivered to any railroad company or other common carrier unless the same is free from "spiders," exposed ends of bands or any exposed or any obtruding part of the ties, bands, buckles or splices used in tying or baling such bale of cotton, and to provide penalties and methods of enforcement of the laws enacted on this subject.

5. Legislation requiring the erection and maintenance of buildings for the protection from rain, wind and inclement weather of employes engaged in repairing railroad cars and other railroad equipment, and providing penalties for violations, and regulating suits for such penalties, and such further legislation upon this subject as may be appropriate and is necessary to provide proper protection to employes engaged in such work.

6. To enact a law repealing the law enacted by the Thirty-first Legislature at its First Called Session, known as Chapter 18, and entitled "An Act providing conditions upon which fire insurance companies shall transact business in this State, and providing for the regulation and control of rates of premium on fire insurance, and to prevent discrimination therein and to create a Fire Insurance Rating Board, and to provide penalties for violations of this act, and declaring an emergency," and to enact adequate laws regulating and fixing rates and preventing unjust discriminations by fire insurance companies and to prevent combinations between such companies to destroy competition in fire insurance rates in Texas, and to provide penalties therefor and to provide all necessary means for the enforcement of such laws.

7. To consider and act upon such other matters as may hereafter be presented by me, pursuant to Section 40, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the State

of Texas to be affixed at Austin, Texas, this the 17th day of August, A. D. 1910.
(Seal.) T. M. CAMPBELL,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:
W. B. TOWNSEND,
Secretary of State.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM.—ELECTION OF.

The Chair announced that the election of a President Pro Tem. was in order, and called for nominations for that place.

Senator Cofer nominated Senator Weinert for President Pro Tem. for the ensuing term.

Senator Weinert arose and stated that, while he appreciated the courtesy, he desired to place in nomination for the place Senator E. G. Senter, and asked that the nomination of himself be withdrawn.

Senator Cofer withdrew the nomination.

Senator Weinert then placed Senator Senter in nomination for President Pro Tem. of the Fourth Called Session of the Senate of the Thirty-first Legislature.

Senators Kellie, Adams, Hume, Terrell of Bowie, Bryan, Ratliff, Cofer, Kauffman, Greer, Alexander, Ward, Watson, Holsey, Murray, Hudspeth, Peeler and Mayfield seconded the nomination of Senator Senter.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed, and asked the Senators to prepare their ballots.

Senators Ratliff, Greer and Brachfield were appointed as tellers to count the vote.

Senator Senter received 24 votes, all the votes cast, and the Chair declared him duly and constitutionally elected President Pro Tem. of the Senate of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature.

The Chair appointed Senators Mayfield, Weinert and Holsey to escort Senator Senter to the President's stand, whereupon the constitutional oath of office was administered him by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

The Chair introduced President Pro Tem. Senter to the Senate, who addressed them, expressing his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by the Senate.

HOUSE ORGANIZED.

A committee of three members of the House of Representatives here appeared at the bar of the Senate, and notified the Senate that the House was organized and ready for business.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Terrell of Bowie:

Resolved, By the Senate that the President appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to recommend to the Senate the number and names of employes to be retained in the service of the Senate during this the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature.

The resolution was read and adopted.

In accordance with the above resolution, the Chair appointed Senators Terrell of Bowie, Murray and Ratliff as the committee provided for therein.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

The Senate then proceeded to permanent organization, and the following officers were nominated and elected:

Senators Cofer, Bryan and Terrell of McLennan were appointed tellers.

Nominations for Secretary being in order, Clyde D. Smith of Wichita county was nominated by Senator Brachfield.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Smith received 21, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for Sergeant-at-Arms, Senators Brachfield and Mayfield nominated M. F. Hornbuckle of Bosque county.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Hornbuckle received 24, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for Doorkeeper, on motion of Senator Brachfield, J. R. Waties of Harris county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Waties received 23, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Journal Clerk being in order, Senator Peeler placed in nomination R. M. Gilmore of Van Zandt county.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Gilmore received 23, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Calendar Clerk being in order, on motion of Senator Adams, C. J. Duggan of Jones county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Duggan received 22, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Secretary being in order, on motion of Senator Brachfield, R. M. Love of Limestone county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Love received 21, all the votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms being in order, on motion of Senator Harper, D. F. Hughes of Limestone county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Hughes received 23, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for Assistant Doorkeeper, on motion of Senator Brachfield, E. L. Dreeben of Howard county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Dreeben received 22, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Assistant Journal Clerk being in order, on motion of Senator Paulus, J. L. Haidusek of Fayette county, was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Haidusek received 24, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations being in order for Engrossing Clerk, on motion of Senator Brachfield, F. P. Smith of Cooke county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Smith received 22, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Enrolling Clerk being in order, on motion of Senator Brachfield, S. E. Gideon of Smith county was nominated.

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Gideon received 23, all votes cast, and was declared duly and constitutionally elected.

Nominations for Chaplain being in order, Rev. H. M. Sears was nominated by Senator Brachfield.

There were no other nominations.

Rev. Sears was elected by acclamation.

Senator Brachfield then moved that further election of officers and employes be postponed until the committee appointed today, to recommend who should be employed, had reported.

The motion prevailed.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED.

The Chair here administered the constitutional oath of office to the following elected officers:

Clyde D. Smith, Secretary.
M. F. Hornbuckle, Sergeant-at-Arms.
J. R. Waties, Doorkeeper.
R. M. Gilmore, Journal Clerk.
C. J. Duggan, Calendar Clerk.
R. M. Love, Assistant Secretary.
D. F. Hughes, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.
E. L. Dreeben, Assistant Doorkeeper.
J. L. Haidusek, Assistant Journal Clerk.
F. P. Smith, Engrossing Clerk.
S. E. Gideon, Enrolling Clerk.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Senter:

"Resolved, That the President of the Senate be authorized and requested to appoint a special committee to consist of seven members of the Senate, which shall be authorized to sit concurrently with a committee of the House for the purpose of preparing and reporting a bill relating to the management of the penitentiary system of the State.

WEINERT,
HUDSPETH,
BRACHFIELD,
PAULUS,
HARPER,
BRYAN,
SENER,
MEACHUM.

The resolution was read and adopted.

NOTIFICATION COMMITTEES — APPOINTMENT OF.

Senator Alexander moved that a committee of three members be appointed to notify the Governor that the Senate was organized and ready for business, also a like committee to notify the House.

The motion prevailed, and the Chair appointed the following committees:

To notify the Governor—Senators Alexander, Ward and Senter.

To notify the House—Senators Kellie, Harper and Peeler.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Resolved, That each Senator and the President of the Senate be permitted to subscribe for five newspapers to be paid for out of the contingent expense fund of the Senate.

Senator Cofer offered the following amendment:

Amend by changing "five" to "three."

COFER,
GREER.

Senator Hudspeth moved to table the amendment, which motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Harper.	Peeler.
Hudspeth.	Real.
Hume.	Senter.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Kellie.	

Nays—9.

Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Bryan.	Terrell of McLennan.
Cofer.	Ward.
Greer.	Weinert.
Holsey.	

Absent.

Murray.	Terrell of Bowie.
Perkins.	Terrell of Wise.
Ratliff.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.

The resolution was then adopted.

REPORT OF NOTIFICATION COMMITTEES:

Here the special committees appointed to notify the Governor and the House of Representatives that the Senate was organized and ready for business, made their respective reports and were discharged.

ORGANIZATION COMPLETED.

The Chair here stated that the Senate being organized and ready for business,

the regular order of business would be called.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Weinert:

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenue not otherwise appropriated, to pay per diem of members and per diem of officers and employes of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Finance Committee.

By Senator Weinert:

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenues not otherwise appropriated, to pay the contingent expenses of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Finance Committee.

By Senators Brachfield and Kauffman:

Senate bill No. 3, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require persons, firms, corporations and associations of persons engaged in compressing cotton in this State to so bind and tie all bales of cotton so that no bale of cotton by them compressed, re-compressed, baled or re-baled shall be delivered to any railroad company or other common carrier unless the same is free from dangerously exposed ends of bands or any exposed or any obtruding dangerous part of the ties, bands, buckles or splices used in tying or baling such bale of cotton; and to provide penalties therefor; and prescribing the duties of the Commissioner of Labor; and making an appropriation for the Bureau of Labor Statistics; and providing for annual accounting by said Commissioner of Labor, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senators Senter and Brachfield:

Senate bill No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require persons and corporations, or receivers, engaged in repairing railroad cars or other railroad equip-

ment, not including locomotives, to erect and maintain buildings for the protection from rain, wind or other inclement weather, employes engaged in repairing railroad cars and other railroad equipment, and providing penalties for the violation of this act, and regulating penalties, and repealing Chapter 53, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An Act to require all railroad companies doing business in this State to provide suitable premises and shelter for the protection from the weather of their employes while engaged in labor in the service of said railroad companies, and declaring an emergency.'"

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Senate bill No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 18 of the General Laws of the Thirty-first Legislature, relative to fire insurance companies, prescribing conditions for transacting business, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History.

(Referred by President Pro Tem. Senter.)

By Senators Peeler, Harper, Kellie, Bryan and Cofer:

Senate bill No. 6, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 1549 and 4550, of Chapter 11, Title 94 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas, and prescribing the conditions upon which the purchaser or purchasers and associates, if any, of the property and franchises of a railroad company may become owners of its charter, or may organize a new corporation, and governing, regulating and limiting the stocks and bonds of the new corporation, and of the old corporation, after the sale of its property and franchises, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

SENATE BILL NO. 1.

The Finance Committee having made a favorable report on Senate bill No. 1, on motion of Senator Weinert, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Adams.	Mayfield.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Greer.	Real.
Harper.	Senter.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hume.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Kellie.	Weinert.

Absent.

Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Meachum.	Terrell of Wise.
Perkins.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.

(President Pro Tem. Senter in the chair.)

On motion of Senator Weinert, the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report), by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Adams.	Mayfield.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Greer.	Real.
Harper.	Senter.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hume.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Kellie.	Weinert.

Absent.

Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Meachum.	Terrell of Wise.
Perkins.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.

On motion of Senator Weinert, the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenue not otherwise appropriated, to pay per diem of members and per diem of officers and employes of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Weinert, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Greer.	Real.
Harper.	Senter.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hume.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Kellie.	Weinert.
Mayfield.	

Absent.

Holsey.	Terrell of Wise.
Perkins.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.
Terrell of McLennan.	

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Adams.	Mayfield.
Alexander.	Meachum.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Watson.
Kauffman.	Weinert.
Kellie.	

Absent.

Holsey.	Terrell of Bowie.
Murray.	Terrell of Wise.
Perkins.	Veale.
Ratliff.	Willacy.
Sturgeon.	

Senator Weinert moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SENATE BILL NO. 2.

The Finance Committee having made a favorable report on Senate bill No. 2,

On motion of Senator Weinert, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be

read on three several days was suspended, and the bill put on its second reading by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Adams.	Murray.
Alexander.	Paulus.
Brachfield.	Peeler.
Bryan.	Ratliff.
Cofer.	Real.
Greer.	Senter.
Harper.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hume.	Ward.
Kellie.	Watson.
Mayfield.	Weinert.
Meachum.	

Absent.

Holsey.	Terrell of Wise.
Kauffman.	Veale.
Perkins.	Willacy.
Sturgeon.	

On motion of Senator Weinert, the Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over for one day was suspended, for the purpose of considering this bill (see Appendix for committee report), by the following vote:

Yeas—25.

Adams.	Meachum.
Alexander.	Murray.
Brachfield.	Paulus.
Bryan.	Peeler.
Cofer.	Ratliff.
Greer.	Real.
Harper.	Senter.
Holsey.	Terrell of Bowie.
Hudspeth.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hume.	Ward.
Kauffman.	Watson.
Kellie.	Weinert.
Mayfield.	

Absent.

Perkins.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.
Terrell of Wise.	

On motion of Senator Weinert, the committee report, which provided that the bill be not printed, was adopted.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenues not otherwise appropriated, to pay the contingent expenses of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-

first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Bill read second time, and ordered engrossed.

On motion of Senator Weinert, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and the bill put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Adams.	Kellie.
Alexander.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Meachum.
Bryan.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Greer.	Real.
Harper.	Senter.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Watson.
Kauffman.	Weinert.

Absent.

Murray.	Terrell of Bowie.
Perkins.	Terrell of Wise.
Ratliff.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.

The bill was read third time, and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Adams.	Kellie.
Alexander.	Mayfield.
Brachfield.	Meachum.
Bryan.	Paulus.
Cofer.	Peeler.
Greer.	Real.
Harper.	Senter.
Holsey.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Weinert.

Watson.

Nays—1.

Absent.

Murray.	Terrell of Bowie.
Perkins.	Terrell of Wise.
Ratliff.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.

Senator Weinert moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed, and lay that motion on the table.

The motion to table prevailed.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Hudspeth:

Whereas, Our co-worker and much-beloved Senator, the Hon. Jno. G. Wil-

lacy, has had to absent himself from this body and return to his home on account of illness; and

Whereas, Our State is deprived of a most valuable legislator and a conscientious and faithful worker; therefore be it

Resolved, That we wish for our friend and colleague an early recovery and a speedy return to his labors and friends in the Senate.

HUDSPETH,
WATSON,
MEACHUM.

The resolution was read and adopted.

EXCUSED.

On account of sickness:

Senator Willacy for today and balance of this week, on motion of Senator Alexander.

On account of important business:

Senator Sturgeon for today and balance of this week, on motion of Senator Cofer.

Senator Veale for today and balance of this week, on motion of Senator Alexander.

Senator Terrell of Wise for today and balance of this week, on motion of Senator Peeler.

Senator Perkins for today and balance of this week, on motion of Senator Terrell of Bowie.

AT EASE.

On motion of Senator Kellie, the Senate was at ease subject to call.

IN SESSION.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE — APPOINTMENT OF.

In accordance with a simple resolution, adopted today, providing for the appointment of a committee to act with a like committee on part of the House to draft a bill on the penitentiary matter, the Chair appointed the following committee: Senators Weinert, Hudspeth, Paulus, Greer, Alexander, Murray and Senter.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE—REPORT OF.

By Senator Terrell of Bowie:

Austin, Texas, August 18, 1910.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your committee appointed to recommend to the Senate the names of employes who in our judgment should be retained during the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, beg leave to submit the following report:

That Misses Iva Chaffin, Jennie Brin, Eula Hurlock, Theodora Bell, Addie Connover, Jennie Daughtery, and Messrs. W. R. Vermillion and Terry Hausmann be retained and elected as stenographers.

That P. J. Alexander and Miss Bonner Whittaker be retained and elected as general committee clerks to be assigned to their duties by the Lieutenant Governor.

That R. J. Waldeck be retained and elected as Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor.

That we recommend that the Lieutenant Governor retain the present pages and porters.

That Dennis Corwin be retained and elected as Bookkeeper for the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Respectfully submitted,
TERRELL of Bowie,
MURRAY,
RATLIFF.

We recommend that Mrs. A. T. Shirley be retained as Postmistress.

MURRAY,
RATLIFF.

The report was read and adopted.

The Chair announced that the appointments as provided for in the above report were made.

SIMPLE RESOLUTION.

By Senator Terrell of McLennan:

Whereas, The Governor of this State has requested the Legislature to enact a law creating a Board of Prison Commissioners, and to enact other laws looking to a reorganization of the penitentiary system of this State; and

Whereas, The Thirty-first Legislature created an investigation committee whose duty was to make an investigation of the State's penal system; and

Whereas, The committee has completed its labors and filed its report with the Governor of Texas; therefore be it

Resolved, By the Senate that two hundred and fifty copies of said report, together with all testimony taken by the committee, be ordered printed for the use of the members of the Legislature.

On motion of Senator Hume, the resolution was laid on the table subject to call.

AT EASE.

On motion of Senator Meachum, the Senate was at ease, subject to call of the Chair.

IN SESSION.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Davidson, and several committee reports were filed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Senator Meachum, the Senate adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m. Saturday.

APPENDIX.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, August 18, 1910.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenues not otherwise appropriated, to pay the contingent expenses of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Weinert, Chairman; Murray, Peeler, Paulus, Harper, Brachfield, Meachum, Holsey.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, August 18, 1910.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, the undersigned members of your Committee on Insurance, Statistics and History, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 5, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 18 of the General Laws of the Thirty-first Legislature, relative to fire insurance companies, prescribing conditions for transacting business, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Hudspeth, Chairman; Brachfield, Watson, Terrell of McLennan, Mayfield, Willacy, Hume, Alexander.

(Floor Report.)

Austin, Texas, August 18, 1910.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenue not otherwise appropriated, to pay the per diem of members and per diem of officers and employes of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Weinert, Chairman; Murray, Peeler, Paulus, Harper, Brachfield, Meachum, Holsey.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, August 18, 1910.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 2, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenues not otherwise appropriated, to pay the contingent expenses of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-

first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

WARD, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, August 18, 1910.

Hon. A. B. Davidson, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

Senate bill No. 1, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the public revenue not otherwise appropriated, to pay per diem of members and per diem of officers and employes of the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-first Legislature of Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.

WARD, Chairman.

SECOND DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,

Saturday, August 20, 1910.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment, and, in the absence of Lieutenant Governor Davidson, President of the Senate, and President Pro Tem. Senter, the Senate was called to order by the Secretary of the Senate, Clyde D. Smith.

Roll call, no quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Brachfield.	Mayfield.
Bryan.	Paulus.
Greer.	Peeler.
Holsey.	Ratliff.
Kellie.	Terrell of Bowie.

Absent.

Adams.	Murray.
Alexander.	Real.
Cofer.	Senter.
Harper.	Terrell of McLennan.
Hudspeth.	Ward.
Hume.	Watson.
Kauffman.	Weinert.
Meachum.	

Absent—Excused.

Perkins.	Veale.
Sturgeon.	Willacy.
Terrell of Wise.	